

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Steve Lavin, on March 24, 2017 at 3:15 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)
Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 621, 3/21/2017; HB 627, 3/22/2017; HB 630, 3/22/2017
Executive Action on: HB 608

HEARING ON HB 627

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:53 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, Repeal local option fuel tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:36 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (Montax)

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh61a01)

00:02:13 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPMCSA), Infrastructure Coalition

00:03:57 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurer's Association (MCTA)

00:04:42 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:19 Rep. Cook

HEARING ON HB 621

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:00 Rep. Virginia Court (D), HD 50, Extend vehicle regis. fee for parks and fishing access to additional vehicles.

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh61a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:23 Tom Towe, Park Board

00:19:18 Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:44 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurer's Association (MCTA)

Informational Testimony:

00:24:21 Tom Reilly, Montana State Parks

00:24:39 Elijah Allen, Montana Heritage Commission

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:03 Rep. Fern

00:25:35 Rep. Court

00:25:47 Tom Reilly, Montana State Parks

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:14 Rep. Court

HEARING ON HB 630

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:05 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 630, Generally revise vehicle title laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:11 Rep. Smith joined the meeting

00:30:17 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurer's Association (MCTA)

[EXHIBIT\(trh61a03\)](#)

00:34:29 Pam Reighard, Powell County Treasurer

00:35:17 Rep. Doane joined the meeting

00:37:50 Bruce Spencer, Co-Part, Inc.

[EXHIBIT\(trh61a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:02 Sarah Garcia, Motor Vehicle Division - Department of Justice (MVD-DOJ)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:41 Rep. Loge

00:55:09 Sarah Garcia, MVD-DOJ

00:55:36 Rep. Loge

00:55:51 Rep. Smith left the meeting

00:55:55 Sarah Garcia, MVD-DOJ

00:56:47 Rep. Swanson

00:59:24 Sarah Garcia, MVD-DOJ

01:02:09 Rep. Fern

01:02:34 Sarah Garcia, MVD-DOJ

01:03:00 Sky Schaefer, Motor Vehicle Division - Department of Justice (MVD-DOJ)

01:03:49 Rep. Fern

01:04:14 Sky Schaefer, MVD-DOJ

01:05:23 Vice Chair Garner

01:06:30 Sarah Garcia, MVD-DOJ

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:00 Rep. Pierson

01:11:35 Sarah Garcia, MVD-DOJ

01:12:08 Chair Lavin

01:12:36 Rep. Fern

01:12:43 Chair Lavin

01:13:08 Rep. Doane

01:13:35 Chair Lavin

01:14:07 Recess
01:20:35 Reconvene with Rep. Smith excused

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 608

01:20:49 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 608 DO PASS.**

01:21:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kipp III moved that **HB 608 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh61a05)

Discussion:

01:21:47 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:22:55 Rep. McKamey
01:23:22 Rep. Hamilton
01:23:33 Chair Lavin
01:23:44 Rep. Hamilton
01:24:20 Rep. Loge
01:24:35 Rep. Hamilton
01:24:44 Rep. McKamey
01:25:23 Rep. Fern

01:25:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. B. Smith voted by proxy.

01:26:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 608 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:26:34 Rep. Grubbs
01:27:17 Rep. Fern
01:28:21 Rep. Trebas

EXHIBIT(trh61a06)

01:29:05 Rep. Loge

01:29:44 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Kipp III made a substitute motion that **HB 608 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. B. Smith voted by proxy.

01:30:43 Chair Lavin

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:30:53

Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh61aad.pdf](#))